

32ND ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB281 and HB282
May 17, 2022
3:04 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stedman called the Conference Committee meeting on HB281 and HB282 to order at 3:04 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senate:

Senator Bert Stedman, Chair
Senator Click Bishop
Senator Bill Wielechowski

House:

Representative Kelly Merrick, Vice-Chair
Representative Bart Lebon
Representative Dan Ortiz

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Alexei Painter, Director, Legislative Finance Division (via teleconference); fiscal analysts with the Office of Management and Budget and Legislative Finance Division; and aides to committee members and other members of the Legislature.

SUMMARY

HB 281 APPROP: OP BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS; CAP; SUPP

CCS HB 281 was REPORTED out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation.

HB 282 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

CCS HB 282 was REPORTED out of committee with a
"do pass" recommendation.

DEPARTMENTS:

CORRECTIONS
EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
FISH AND GAME
GOVERNOR
HEALTH
PUBLIC SAFETY
REVENUE
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS
FUND CAPITALIZATION
PERMANENT FUND
FUND TRANSFERS
SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS
NON-MENTAL HEALTH CAPITAL PROJECTS
MENTAL HEALTH CAPITAL PROJECTS
FISCAL NOTES HB 281 AND FISCAL NOTES FOR HB 282

#HB281

#HB282

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"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; and providing for an effective date."

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 282(FIN) am S

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 281(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; and making capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations."

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 282 (FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

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^DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Corrections budget:

Item 11 Senate, both items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Corrections budget.

^DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Education and Early Development budget:

Item 1 House
Item 2 Senate
Item 6 House
Item 7 Senate, both items
Item 8 Senate, both items
Item 9 Senate, both items
Item 11 Senate, both items
Item 12 Senate, both items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Education and Early Development budget.

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Environmental Conservation budget:

Item 1 House
Item 3 House
Item 7 House minus \$3.904 million and minus 28 position and as a one-time increment. Add the following intent:

It is the intent of the Legislature that \$1 million is appropriated for the purpose of the Department of Environmental Conservation to complete a feasibility study on the assumption of primacy of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The report will be submitted to the four co-chairs of the Finance Committees and Division of Legislative Finance by February 1, 2023.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Environmental Conservation budget.

^DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Fish and Game budget:

Item 13 House

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Fish and Game budget.

^OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Office of the Governor:

Item 9 House

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Office of the Governor budget.

^DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Health:

Item 19 Senate but revise the conditional language to read as follows:

No money appropriated in this appropriation may be expended for an abortion that is not a mandatory service required under AS 47.07.030(a). The money appropriated for the Department of Health may be expended only for mandatory services required under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, unless a U.S. Supreme Court decision provides new precedent, and for optional services offered by the state under the state plan for medical assistance that has been approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Item 20 House
Item 21 Senate
Item 22 Senate
Item 23 Senate

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Representative LeBon OBJECTED to Item 19. He recalled that he had voted for the House language. He explained that he "ran on a pro-life platform." He understood that it was a complicated issue, and supported the intention of restricting state funding for abortion. He was aware of the national debate on the issue, so there may be a change in national law. He felt that the issue required additional work by the legislature.

Representative LeBon WITHDREW his OBJECTION.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Health budget.

^DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to REOPEN the following in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to add the following intent specified in DMVA Amendment 1:

It is the intent of the legislature that any expenditure of funds taken after the end of the close of the second session of the Thirty-Second Alaska Legislature in response to the declarations of a disaster emergency related to the flooding on the Y-K Delta, the 2022 Lowell Point Landslide in the City of Seward, and the Galena Fire Hall roof collapse issued by the governor on May 13, 2022, are approved and ratified.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

^DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Public Safety:

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| Item 6 | Senate, both items |
| Item 8 | Senate, both items |

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Public Safety budget.

^DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Revenue:

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| Item 1 | Senate, both items |
| Item 2 | House, both items |
| Item 3 | Senate, both items |
| Item 4 | Senate, both items |
| Item 5 | House |
| Item 6 | Senate |
| Item 7 | House |
| Item 8 | House |

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Representative LeBon OBJECTED to multiple items. He began with Item 3.

Representative LeBon surmised that Item 2 was a significant reduction in the salary increases. He felt that it would impact the division's ability to retain and recruit investment officers.

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Representative LeBon REMOVED his OBJECTION.

There being NO further OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Revenue budget.

^DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities:

Item 10 Senate

Representative Ortiz OBJECTED, and commented that it was important to have the money in the budget. He WITHDREW the OBJECTION.

There being NO further OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities budget.

^UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the University of Alaska:

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| Item 1 | House |
| Item 2 | House but replace funding with UGF |
| Item 3 | House but replace funding with UGF |
| Item 4 | House but replace funding with UGF |
| Item 5 | House but replace funding with UGF |
| Item 6 | Senate |
| Item 7 | Senate |
| Item 8 | Senate |
| Item 9 | Senate |
| Item 10 | Senate |
| Item 11 | Senate |
| Item 12 | House but replace funding with UGF |
| Item 13 | House but replace funding with UGF |
| Item 14 | House |
| Item 15 | Senate minus \$4 million |
| Items 16 through 23 | Senate, all items |
| Items 24 through 30, | Senate, all items |

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the University of Alaska budget.

^SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in Special Appropriations:

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| Item 1 | Senate |
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There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT that the Conference Committee Special Appropriations Amendment 1 (the Legal Services amendment 32-GH2686\Y.A.4). This amendment modified the Energy Relief Appropriation as follows: It appropriates a total of \$840.1 million for Energy Relief, but half of the funding will come from the general fund and half will come from the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund (the CBRF).

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Special Appropriations.

^FUND CAPITALIZATION

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Fund Capitalization:

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| Item 1 | Senate |
| Item 4 | Senate |
| Item 5 | Senate |

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Senator Wielechowski OBJECTED to Item 1. He stressed that it was an enormous amount of money, but was concerned over the amount of allowance of tax credits.

Senator Wielechowski REMOVED his OBJECTION.

Co-Chair Stedman OBJECTED for discussion. He explained that the money was based on the current oil and gas production projections.

Co-Chair Stedman WITHDREW the OBJECTION.

Representative LeBon OBJECTED to ITEMS 4 and 5, and stated that he would have preferred the House numbers. He WITHDREW his OBJECTION.

There being NO further OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Fund Capitalization.

^PERMANENT FUND

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Permanent Fund:

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| Item 1 | Senate |
| Item 2 | Senate modified as specified in Permanent Fund Amendment 1. (32-GH2686\Y.A.7) |
| Item 3 | Senate |

Senator Wielechowski OBJECTED to Item 2. He stressed that the PFD number should be put into the constitution. He

stated that the provision paid a 50/50 dividend. He WITHDREW his OBJECTION.

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Representative LeBon OBJECTED to Item 2, and echoed the comments from Senator Wielechowski.

Representative LeBon WITHDREW his OBJECTION.

There being NO further OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Permanent Fund.

^FUND TRANSFERS

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Fund Transfers:

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| Item 1 | Senate |
| Item 2 | Senate |

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Fund Transfers.

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^SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Administration FY 22 supplemental budget:

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| Item 2 | Senate, both items |
| Item 3 | Senate, both items |

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Administration FY 22 supplemental budget.

^SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Corrections FY 22 supplemental budget:

Items 1 through 12 Senate, all items
Item 13 Senate, both items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Corrections FY 22 supplemental budget.

^SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Environmental Conservation FY 22 supplemental budget:

Item 1 Senate

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Environmental Conservation FY 22 supplemental budget.

^SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Health and Social Services FY 22 supplemental budget:

Item 1 Senate, both items
Item 2 Senate, both items
Item 3 Senate, both items
Item 5 Senate, both items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Health and Social Services FY 22 supplemental budget.

^SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Natural Resources FY 22 supplemental budget:

Item 1 Senate, both items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Natural Resources FY 22 supplemental budget.

^SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Public Safety FY 22 supplemental budget:

Item 1 Senate, both items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Public Safety FY 22 supplemental budget.

^SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities FY 22 supplemental budget:

Item 1 Senate, both items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities FY 22 supplemental budget.

^SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS ALASKA JUDICIARY SYSTEM

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Alaska Judiciary System FY 22 supplemental budget:

Item 1 Senate, both items
Item 2 Senate, both items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Alaska Judiciary System FY 22 supplemental budget.

^DEBT SERVICE

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Debt Service FY 22 supplemental budget:

Item 1 Senate
Item 2 Senate
Item 3 Senate

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Debt Service FY 22 supplemental budget.

^SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Special Appropriations FY 22 budget:

Item 1 Senate

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Special Appropriations FY 22 budget

^FUND CAPITALIZATION

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Fund Capitalization FY 22 Supplemental Budget:

Item 1 Senate
Item 2 Senate
Item 3 Senate

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Fund Capitalization FY 22 Supplemental Budget.

^PERMANENT FUND

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Permanent Fund FY 22 supplemental budget:

Item 1 Senate

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Permanent Fund FY 22 supplemental.

^FUND TRANSFERS

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Fund Transfers FY 22 supplemental budget:

Item 1 Senate

Item 2 House modified to add language based on the passage of HB 322 or a similar bill, as specified in FY22 Supplemental Fund Transfers Amendment #1 (32-GH2686\Y.A.6). This amendment appropriates \$394.6 million of UGF to the Higher Education Fund if legislation passes.

Item 3 Senate

Item 4 Senate

Item 5 Senate

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Senator Wielechowski shared that the dividend plus energy rebate would be \$3850.

^CAPITAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Administration's Capital Budget:

Items 1-3 Senate, All Items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Administration's Capital Budget.

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^CAPITAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development Capital Budget:

Items 1-11 Senate, All Items
Items 12-18 Senate, All Items
Items 19 and 20 House, All items
Items 21-24 Senate, All items
Items 25-37 Senate, All items
Items 38-52 Senate, All items
Items 53-65 Senate, All Items
Items 66-78 Senate, All items
Items 79-91 Senate, All items
Items 92-104 Senate, All items
Items 105-116 Senate, All items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development Capital Budget.

^CAPITAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Corrections Capital Budget:

Items 1-4 Senate, All Items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Corrections Capital Budget.

^CAPITAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Education and Early Development Capital Budget:

Items 1-5 Senate, All items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Education and Early Development Capital Budget.

^CAPITAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Environmental Conservation Capital Budget:

Items 1-11 Senate, All items

Items 12-15 Senate, All items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Environmental Conservation Capital Budget.

^CAPITAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Family and Community Services Capital Budget:

Item 1 Senate

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Family and Community Services Capital Budget.

^CAPITAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Fish and Game Capital Budget:

Items 1-12 Senate, all items
Items 13-15 Senate, All items

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Representative LeBon asked for an AT EASE.

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There being NO further OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Fish and Game Capital Budget.

Representative LeBon stated that he intended to object to funding for some mental health funding, but he WITHDREW his OBJECTION.

^OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Office of the Governor Capital Budget:

Items 1-10 Senate, All items
Items 11-18 Senate, All items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Office of the Governor Capital Budget.

^CAPITAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Health Capital Budget:

Items 1-7 Senate, All items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Health Capital Budget.

^CAPITAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Health and Social Services Capital Budget:

Items 1 and 2 Senate, All items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Health and Social Services Capital Budget.

^CAPITAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development Capital Budget:

Item 1 Senate

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development Capital Budget.

^CAPITAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Capital Budget:

Items 1-4 Senate, All items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Capital Budget.

^CAPITAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Natural Resources Capital Budget:

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| Items 1-10 | Senate All items |
| Item 11 | Senate, modify Fiscal Year to Fiscal Year 22 |
| Item 12 | Senate, both items |
| Items 13-28 | Senate, All items |
| Items 29-32 | Senate, All items |

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Natural Resources Capital Budget.

^CAPITAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Public Safety Capital Budget:

Items 1-9 Senate, All items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Public Safety Capital Budget.

^CAPITAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Revenue Capital Budget:

Items 1-10 Senate, All items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Revenue Capital Budget.

^CAPITAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Capital Budget:

Items 1-256, pages 29-45 Senate, All items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Capital Budget.

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^CAPITAL BUDGET UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the University of Alaska Capital Budget:

Items 1-8 Senate, All items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the University of Alaska Capital Budget.

^CAPITAL BUDGET LEGISLATURE

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Legislature Capital Budget:

Items 1 and 2 Senate, both items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Legislature Capital Budget.

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^CAPITAL BUDGET ALASKA JUDICIARY SYSTEM

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Alaska Judiciary System Capital Budget:

Items 1-4 Senate, All items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Alaska Judiciary System Capital Budget.

^CAPITAL BUDGET MENTAL HEALTH

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Mental Health Portion of the Capital Budget:

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| Item 1 | Senate |
| Items 2-9 | House, ALL ITEMS |

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED the conferenceable items in the Mental Health Portion of the Capital Budget.

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT document with the footer "Fiscal Notes for HB281, Section 2" as section 2 of HB 281.

Co-Chair Stedman OBJECTED for discussion.

Vice-Chair Merrick explained the following:

1. Section 2 makes appropriations associated with the bills listed.
2. If a bill listed either fails to pass, its substance fails to be incorporated in some other measure, or it is vetoed by the Governor, the appropriations associated with that bill are reduced.

3. The attached reports prepared by the Legislative Finance Division list the fund sources and agencies associated with each bill.

Mr. Painter remarked that the fiscal note for HB 226 indicated that the funding was for executive branch wide appropriations, when the funding was for all three branches of government.

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Co-Chair Stedman WITHDREW his OBJECTION. There being NO further OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Vice-Chair Merrick Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT document with the footer "Fiscal Notes for HB282, Sec. 2" as section 2 of HB 282.

Co-Chair Stedman OBJECTED for discussion.

Vice-Chair Merrick explained the following:

This document adding a new Section 2 makes appropriations associated with the bills listed that affect the Mental Health budget, HB 282, like we just did for HB 281.

Mr. Painter stated that he did not have any comments.

Co-Chair Stedman WITHDREW his OBJECTION. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Vice-Chair MOVED to give Legislative Finance and Legislative Legal Services the ability to make technical and conforming adjustments to the Conference Committee Substitute for House Bill 281.

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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to OPEN and AMEND Item 1 in Department of Education and Early Development.

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to REVISE Item 1 to be House, minus contingency language.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Vice-Chair MOVED to give Legislative Finance and Legislative Legal Services the ability to make technical and conforming adjustments to the Conference Committee Substitute for House Bill 281. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to REPORT CC HB 281 out of committee with individual recommendations. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Vice-Chair MOVED to give Legislative Finance and Legislative Legal Services the ability to make technical and conforming adjustments to the Conference Committee Substitute for House Bill 282. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to REPORT CC HB 282 out of committee with individual recommendations. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Co-Chair Stedman thanked the members and support staff who worked on the budget.

CCS HB 281 was REPORTED out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation.

CCS HB 282 was REPORTED out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.